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a) Summary

History of FACS

In response to increasing consumer concern regarding the issues of animal care, an Intercommodity Animal Welfare Workshop was held on March 9, 1991. The objective of this meeting was to increase awareness of animal care issues and to take steps toward the formation of an intercommodity organization that would be responsible for addressing such issues. Approximately one hundred and twenty-five individuals, from beef and pork producers to ostrich and game animal producers, attended this workshop. At this meeting, a consensus was reached by those present, that the animal care issue was important and that an animal care group should be formed in Saskatchewan.

Following this meeting, a group of 12 - 14 industry representatives met several times from June to October to develop the framework for an intercommodity organization. On October 28, 1991, approximately 60 industry representatives were called together to ratify the rationale, articles of incorporation and bylaws for the proposed non-profit organization, 'Foundation for Animal Care Saskatchewan Inc.'

An interim Board of Directors was then elected to incorporate the organization, canvas the industry for activities and programs, investigate personnel and office requirements and to call the inaugural annual meeting, which was held on October 6, 1992.

FACS is a producer founded and supported non-profit organization which is involved largely in communication and information activities. A clear distinction should be made between this organization and the SSPCA which fulfils an investigative and policing roll. Granted both organizations have similar goals - to advocate the humane care of animals - their roles are quite different.

In 1999, FACS changed its name to the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. to clarify that it represented animal agriculture producers.

FACS represents the livestock industry in advancing responsible animal care and handling practices in agriculture.

The Really Remarkable Animal Farm:

In 1998 the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) (formerly the Foundation for Animal Care Saskatchewan Inc.) developed the activity book "The Really Remarkable Animal Farm" that presented factual information about livestock production in a manner appealing to children. This activity book has proven to be very popular not only with agriculture related organizations but for fundraising groups distributing information to children. This activity book was in need of updating and reprinting.

b) TECHNICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

FACS's educational mandate is targeted at three groups: producers, consumers and youth. Our main responsibilities are to:

1) make every effort to advance producers' awareness of emerging animal welfare issues.
2) improve animal handling skills
3) provide information for greater public understanding and awareness about producers commitment to providing humane care to their animals.

Since its creation eleven years ago, FACS has developed solid relationships with industry players and educational representatives, on a provincial, national and international basis. Working through these alliances, FACS has researched both the quality and availability of educational materials for elementary level children which focus collectively on the issues of responsible livestock production, animal care, food safety and the environment. With the exception of The Really Remarkable Animal Farm, there are very limited resources available.

In view of the barrage of misinformation targeted at the minds of young people, the livestock and poultry industries must ensure young people have ready access to factual, educational resources. These materials assist our youth to develop an awareness and understanding of the complexities and importance of animal agriculture. Developing such materials would instill in the minds of our province's youth the vital role animals play in our everyday life --- and--- the dedication producers provide to livestock, as their livelihood depends on it.

In 1998, ADF recognized the value of supporting FACS in developing an activity book, "The Really Remarkable Animal Farm," for children ages 6-9. This booklet has served as an excellent resource during school visits, at exhibitions and fairs, in hospital programs, for home school programs, in the classroom, and and for various children's clubs and organizations across Saskatchewan and Canada.

Over the past several years, FACS has distributed approximately 50,000 copies to children largely in Saskatchewan but extending globally. Our supply is nearing the end and monies to assist with another run in needed.

A funding proposal was submitted to the ADF in November 2002 and approval was granted. The booklet was reviewed and updates were sent to the printer. The finished product was delivered late May 2003 and to date we have distributed a total of 11700 booklets to the following: Delisle School, Allegro Montessori, St. Dominic School, St. George, Brunskill School, Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corp., Manitoba Farm Animal Council, Swift Current Exhibition, AFAC, Prince Albert Exhibition, Yorkton Exhibition, Agventures, Lloydminster Exhibition, NAERIC, and Agriculture in the Classroom

c) **PERSONNEL**

The reprint was made possible with the assistance of the following personnel:

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- Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS

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- Concepts III PR & Design (Coordinated art changes.)

d) **EQUIPMENT**

Not applicable

e) **PROJECT DEVELOPED MATERIALS**

- Enclosed is a sample of The Really Remarkable Animal Farm
- Please note the report in the FACStracs newsletters

f) **PROJECT PHOTOS**

n/a

g) **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Recognition of this project was acknowledged through:

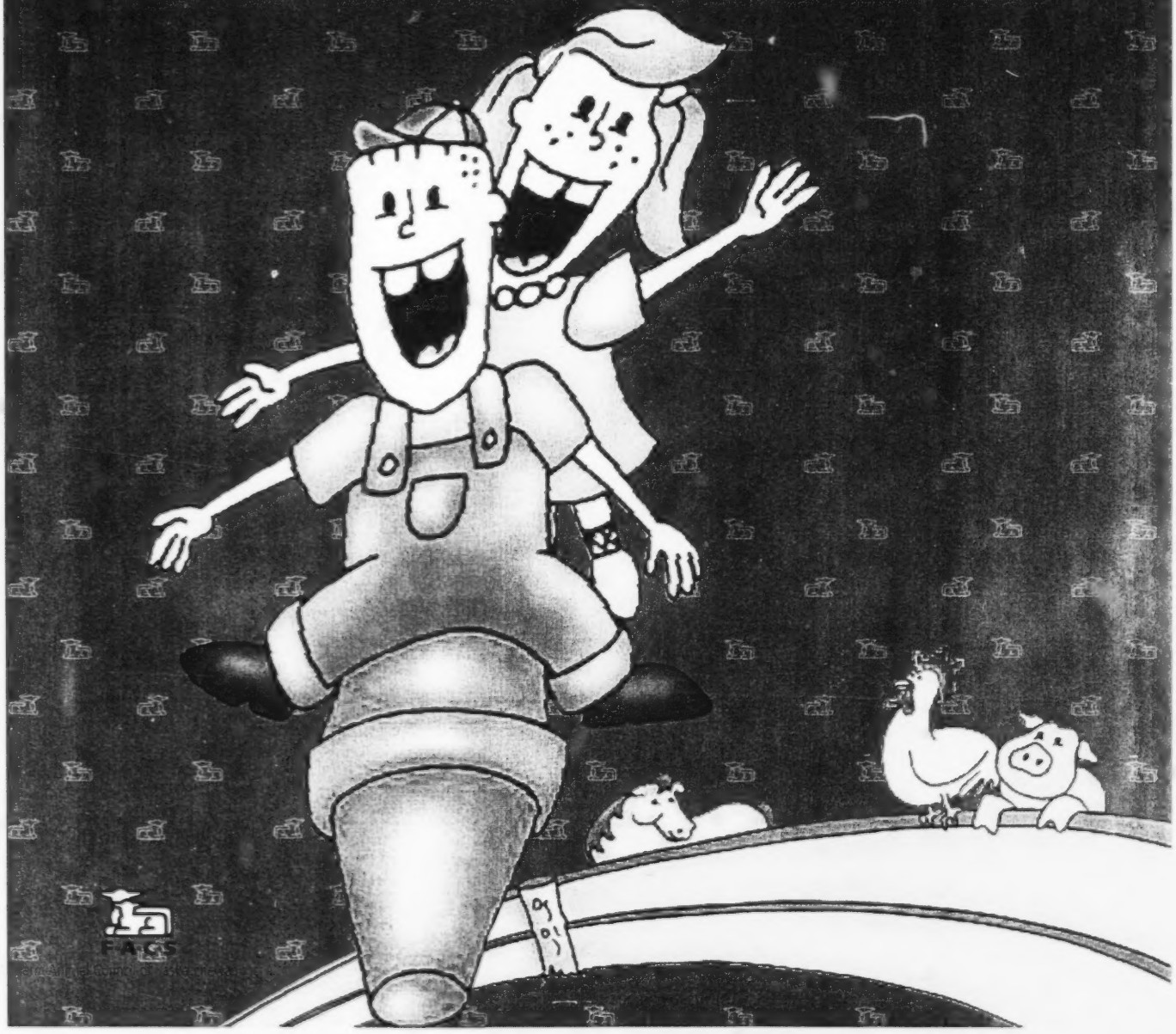
- On the back cover of the Activity Book
- FACStracs news letter

$4.95

LEARN ABOUT FARM ANIMALS AND THEIR CARE

THE REALLY REMARKABLE ANIMAL FARM

HELP AMY AND COLBY WITH PUZZLES AND MAZES



THE REALLY REMARKABLE ANIMAL FARM

Facts About
Animal Agriculture

Some of the reasons people raise livestock include:
to produce food or other products; for pleasure (horse riding);
as a 4-H project (to learn about animals and their care);
for breeding purposes; as an investment; or for competition.

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Saskatchewan's livestock exports are to:
USA, China, Japan, Mexico, Columbia, Costa Rica, and Chile.

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Agriculture is the 3rd biggest industry in Saskatchewan.
It directly employs approximately 43,600 people.

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Most Saskatchewan livestock producers raise beef cattle.
However, dairy cows, hogs, horses, sheep, chickens and turkeys are
other traditional types of livestock raised in our province.

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Saskatchewan producers also raise various types
of diversified livestock including: bison, elk, fallow deer,
emu, ostrich, wild boar and llama.

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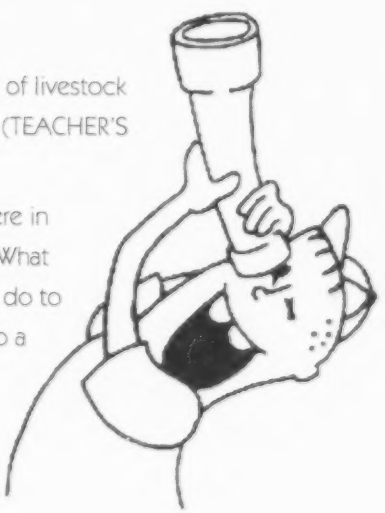
THE REALLY REMARKABLE ANIMAL FARM

Getting your class in on the fun!

Animal farms are remarkable places. In Saskatchewan we raise many different types of livestock. There are common types of livestock – like beef and dairy cattle, poultry, horses and pigs. Modern livestock operations may also raise elk, buffalo, llamas, goats, ostrich and other animals.

Livestock raised in our province play an important part in our lives. In addition to good food, livestock give us medicines and supplements, household products, and clothing. And because livestock is so important to our world, producers take care of their animals so we can continue to benefit from animal agriculture.

Enjoy this book as you explore Animal Agriculture with Amy and Colby. Here are some activity ideas for your classroom, 4H group, or just for fun.



- Find all the animal products in your classroom.
- Write a story about what farming would be like in another country. What kind of livestock would you raise? How big would your farm be? Who would help you farm? (TEACHER'S GUIDE: First, learn about that country's climate, seasons and geography.)
- Write about what your day would be like if you lived on your own farm. Where in Saskatchewan would your farm be? What kind of livestock would you raise? What jobs would you have to get done every day? What special things would you do to make your farm a good farm? (TEACHER'S GUIDE: You might organize a trip to a farm as a pre- or post-activity.)
- Plan a menu for a camping trip or for your school cafeteria using products grown or raised on Saskatchewan farms. (TEACHER'S GUIDE: Review the Canada Food Guide to make sure all food groups are represented.)
- For more information visit the Foundation for Animal Care Saskatchewan (FACS) web site (http://www.facs.sk.ca)

At-Home Pizza

Get an adult to help you serve up some "agriculture" for supper.
First, **solve these clues to make your shopping list:**

- large flat bread crust made with grain _____
- this special sauce is made with ripe red vegetables _____
- pick your favourite from the deli _____
- these are never "mushy" so make "room" on your pizza _____
- this stuff tastes "grate" and it comes from cows _____

Ask for help pre-heating the oven according to the directions on the pizza crust package. Place the crust on a cookie sheet. Spread on a 6 ounce can of tomato paste. Slice ham or sausage thinly and place as much as you like over the sauce. Slice fresh mushrooms and scatter over the meat. Top with grated cheese. Place in oven and cook according to directions on pizza crust package or until cheese is bubbly and crust edges are golden brown. Enjoy your farm-grown treat!

(Shopping list answers: 1. pizza crust 2. tomato paste 3. ham or sausage 4. fresh mushrooms 5. mozzarella cheese)

Agriculture Ride-Along

Agriculture is everywhere. **Check off these agriculture signs as you see them.**

- ☐ fast food restaurant (selling chicken or burgers)
- ☐ milk truck
- ☐ billboard about a farm product
- ☐ news story about agriculture
- ☐ grain elevator
- ☐ livestock truck (walls have breathing spaces)
- ☐ animals in a pasture
- ☐ person wearing a leather jacket
- ☐ barn
- ☐ grocery cart with meat, eggs or milk in it
- ☐ ice cream parlour

SAY, "HOW DO YOU DO?"

Sausage or ham pizza

Saskatchewan cheese in Ukrainian perogies

e.g.,

Spicy beef tacos

Fresh ground beef patties

Lean and juicy pork chop suey

Farming is an important industry in our province! In Saskatchewan, if you were introduced to 100 new friends, it's likely that 13 of them would live on a farm.

Our friends in other countries depend on Saskatchewan's delicious farm products to make their favorite meals. **Match these children around the world with food they're sure to enjoy.**

Did you know these yummy treats are also made from animal products?

CREATURE COMFORTS

Farming is a big job. Farmers are responsible for giving their animals proper care such as good food, clean shelter, fresh water, and, help if they get sick. In Saskatchewan, where our winters are very cold and our summers are very hot, caring for animals is day long, year round work.

DOWN

1 Producers provide their animals with **m i n e _ _ l s** to keep them healthy.

2 Call a **v e t _ _ i n _ _ i a n** when an animal looks under the weather.

3 Animals such as cattle, horses, buffalo and elk are kept outside in a grassy area called a **p a s t _ _ _**.

4 Hog and poultry producers house their animals in clean buildings with heat or fresh air called **b a _ n _**.

5 Fresh food with lots of **v i t a _ _ _ s** help animals stay well and strong.

6 Special handling facilities called **c o r _ _ l s** allow producers to work closely with their animals.

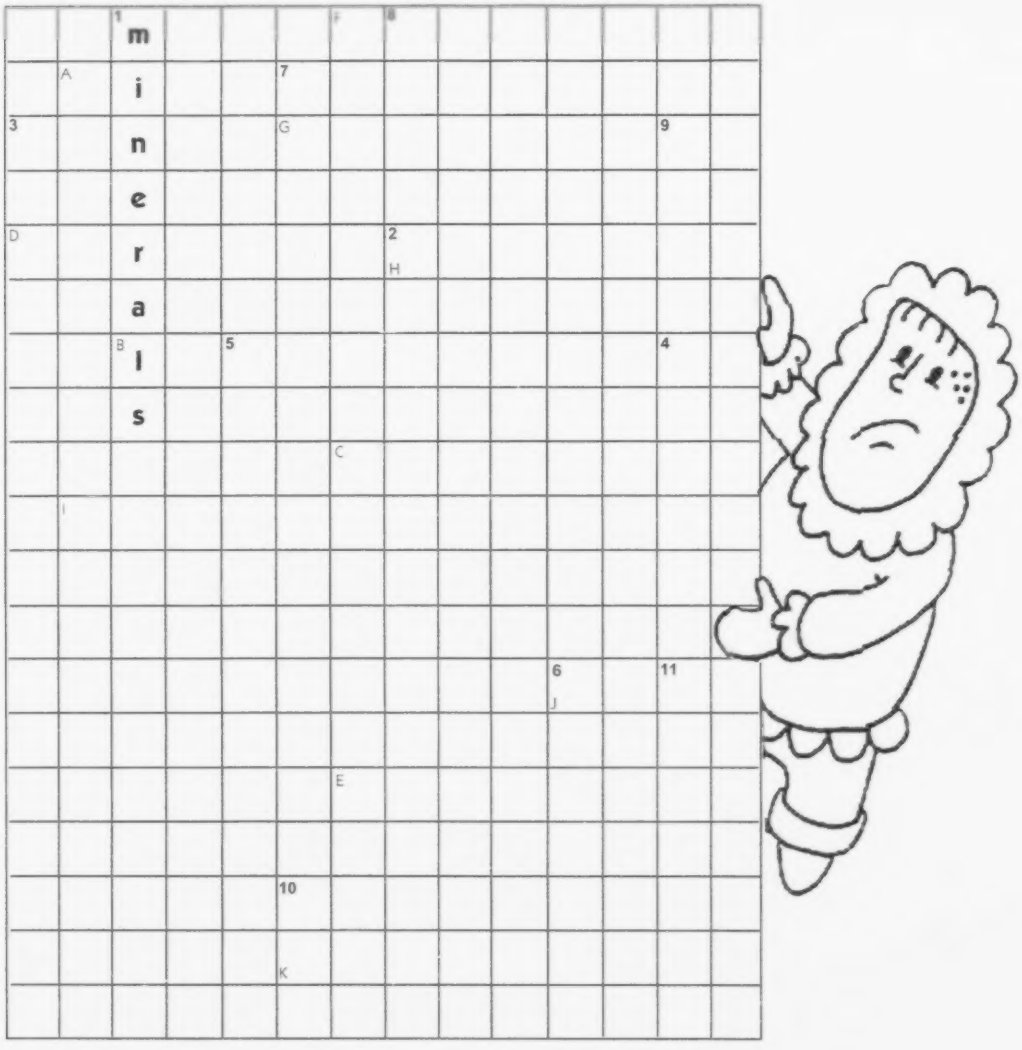
7 A mother pig is called a **_ o w**.

8 **o a _** crops are grown as feed for animals and for the porridge you eat.

9 Pigs have sensitive skin and **_ u n** burn quite easily.

10 Alfalfa and **h _ y** are mixed with other grasses to make forage for horses, cattle and sheep.

11 To keep your animals healthy feed them nutritious **r a t _ o _ s**.



ACROSS

A Tall towers on dairy farms are called **s i _ o _**. They store fresh chopped hay, alfalfa, and other grasses fed to animals as rations.

B Animals raised on farms are called **l _ v e _ _ _ c k**.

C When livestock need to be transported, safe, well-ventilated livestock **t r a i _ _ r s** are used.

D Make animals comfortable by providing clean housing and **s t r _ w** for bedding.

E It is important for all animals to have access to fresh **_ a t e r** to drink every day.

F Modern barns protect livestock from our **c _ l _** weather.

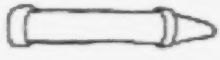
G Some animals can stay **o u _ _ o o r s** as long as there is shelter from the wind and sun.

H A veterinarian may give the herd a **v a c c _ _ e** against diseases.

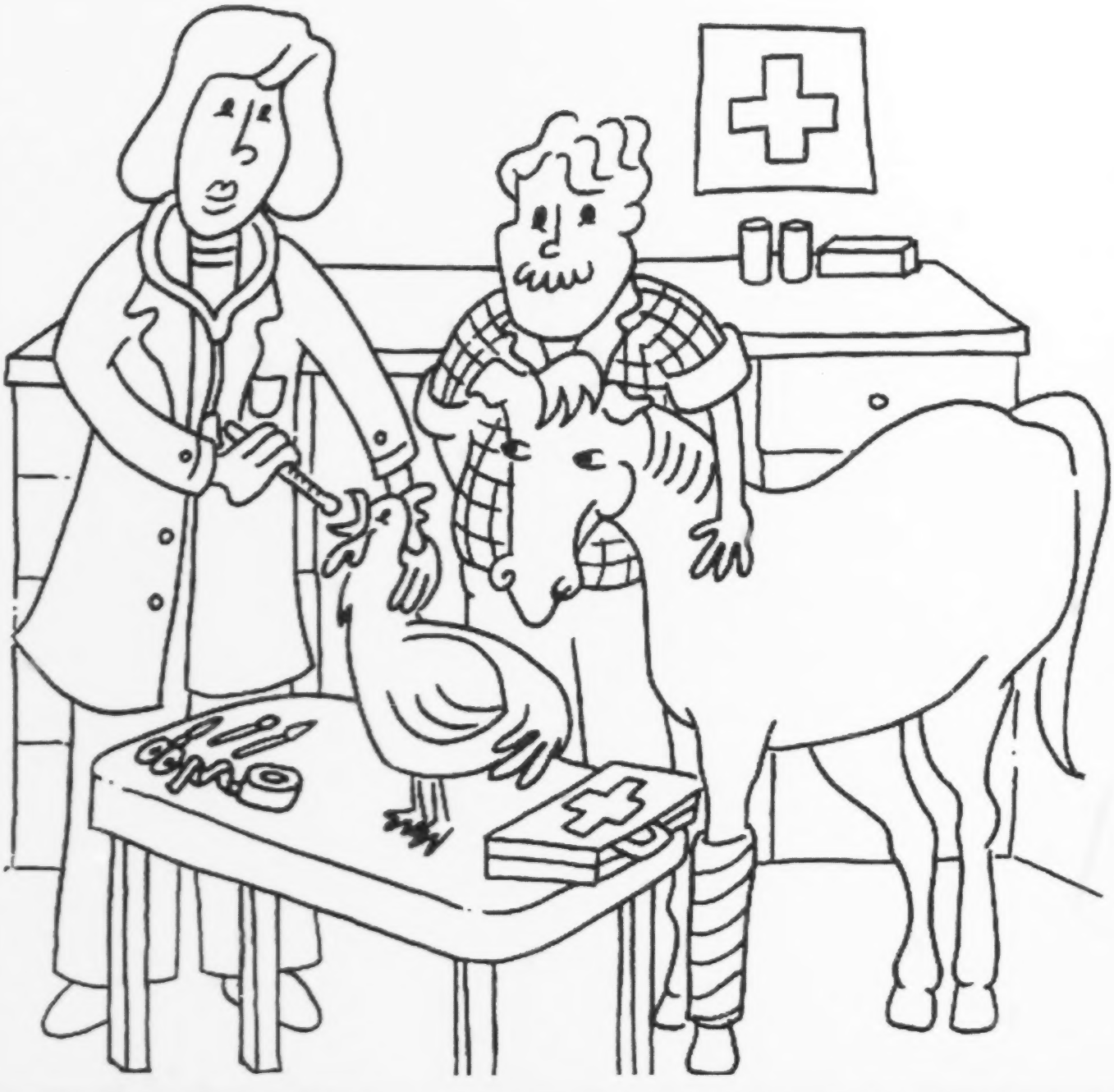
I A **c l _ _ n** barn or pen helps keep animals healthy.

J Producers **c a r _** for their animals.

K A horse is one kind of farm **a n i _ _ l**.



FIX EM' UP



Farmers and veterinarians work together to keep animals healthy, just like your parents and your doctor team up to keep you healthy.

The farmer makes sure that his livestock get proper vitamins through nutritious "rations" (which are like meals to you and me). But, when an animal or herd gets sick, the farmer calls a veterinarian to diagnose the illness and prescribe the right treatment.
Can you mend these words?

e.g., CAT	TRY
POUL	TLE
HOR	ENS
CHICK	SES

CAL	INGS
FO	ALS
BU	AM
R	VES
GOSSEL	LLS

GE	EEP
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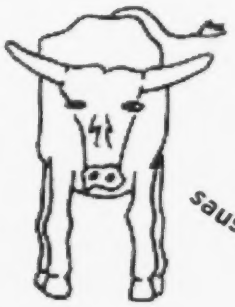
ANI-MAZING!

What do animals have to do with you? Everything, that's what! Animals give us more than just food. Just as our forefathers did, we still use virtually every part of an animal in our everyday life. **Follow the leader and find out how animals are amazing.**



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~~candies~~	glue
sausage	mutton
marshmallows	make up
candles	dog food
pet foods	gloves
sleeping bags	shampoo
fertilizer	lamb chops
bacon	lanolin
pillows	clothing
rubber	piano keys
yarn	buttons
weed killer	pork chops
water filters	cleaners
floorwax	rugs
ham	crayons
violin strings	winter jackets
chalk	tennis balls
shoes	leather
hair conditioner	

pillowssleepingbagsdogfoodwinterjackets

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Animals in Medicine

- Did you know that a pig's skin is used to help burn victims? A pig's skin is similar to human skin and protects burn wounds so they can heal.
- Did you know that pregnant horses (mares) produce chemicals in their bodies which doctors use to prevent bone diseases in women? The mares also produce foals. Many foals grow up to be working horses, racing horses, or show horses.
- Did you know that the pancreas of pigs and cows contains insulin which people with diabetes use every day?

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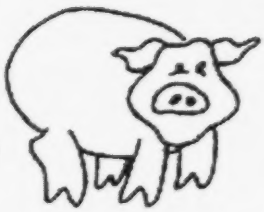

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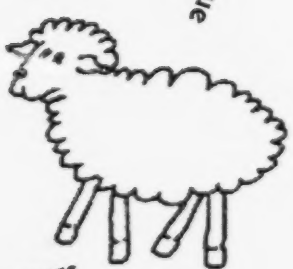

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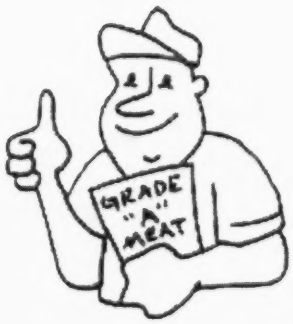
WHO AM I?

There are many important jobs in agriculture. Some jobs include caring for the animals, helping producers on their farms, and preparing and selling food we get from livestock farms.
Help these people find their jobs!



e.g., **1**. I raise and care for animals.

2. I make sure the meat you buy is healthy and safe to eat.

3. I transport animals.

4. I spin wool from sheep into yarn.

5. I'm the person in your grocery store who provides you with fresh meat products.

6. I'm the doctor producers call when an animal isn't feeling well.

7. I bring fresh milk and milk products right to your doorstep.

8. I'm a professional who loans people money to build barns.

9. I write articles about agriculture activities in the newspaper.

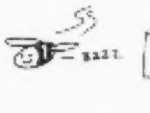
10. I make sure animals have a balanced diet.

ALL ABOUT AUCTIONS

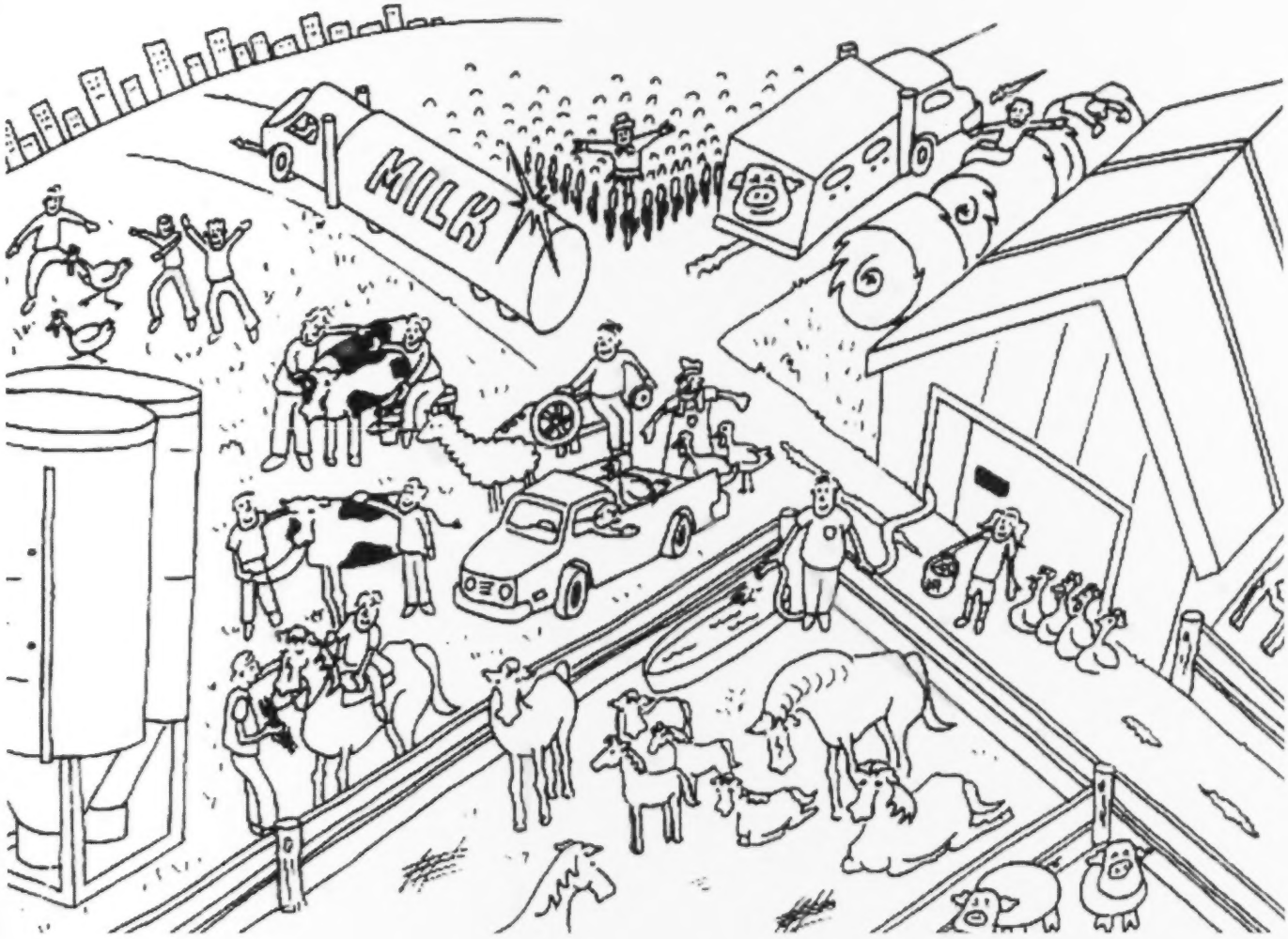
The auction method of selling has been in for over 300 y+ . Auctions used sell things like f + machinery, land, , , antiques, and .

At an auction, an auctioneer calls out a to see if any+ would like buy the item on the auction . "Here I have a healthy going for $900," he might call out. "Will any+ give me $920?"

If wanted to b+ that , you would put up your to 'bid' on it.

Then the will ask if any+ like to b+ the for dollars. The will  the person who is willing pay the most. The will a called a gavel and shout, " to the highest bidder!" He'll to the person who bid the highest. T+ person is now the new owner of the .

HOME SWEET HOME



There's never a dull moment living on an animal farm! Producers are always busy. They feed and water their animals every day. They clean out their paddocks and barns. When animals are born, producers make sure the mothers and babies are okay. They also buy and sell animals to keep their farm business going. Look at all the activity on this farm. **From the picture, can you find reasons a producer would buy animals? For example:** to raise pigs for market.

(Hints: dairy cows for milk, horses for riding, hens for eggs, sheep for wool, turkeys for market, mares for breeding, cattle for meat)

ANIMALS MAKE THE WORLD GO 'ROUND

To live, we rely on thousands of species of plants and animals. We have water on our planet, an atmosphere to breathe, and rich soil. The food chain links all life on Earth. Humans have learned to use plants and animals not only as food, but for medicines, clothing and tools.

Search for "animal gifts" that make our world go round.

~~wool~~	medicine
leather	milk
eggs	shortening
insulin	feathers
fur	vaccines
meat	fertilizer

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